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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-8 and 14-15 are now pending after entry of the above amendments. Claims 13-14 were objected to, but were indicated to be drawn to patentable subject matter. Claim 4 was rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,469,297 to Marshall et al. Claims 5-8 were rejected as unpatentable over Marshall. Claim 15 was rejected as unpatentable over Marshall in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,096,681 to Burnside III.

Applicant appreciates the indication of patentable subject matter.

With respect to Marshall and Burnside, Applicant notes that these references disclose kaleidoscopes rather than a winding core. The structures disclosed by Marshall and Burnside would not be satisfactorily operable as a winding core because, among other reasons, the outer tube and the inner tube are freely movable relative to each other, which movement is essential to the proper functioning of the kaleidoscope. Such movement cannot be tolerated in a winding core, because during winding or unwinding operations the inner tube would spin relative to the outer tube. Thus, it is submitted that Marshall and Burnside do not disclose a "winding core" as claimed.

To expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant has incorporated the fastener of allowable Claim 13 into Claim 4 and has canceled Claim 13. As noted, a fastener for preventing relative movement between the inner and outer tubes is needed for proper operation of the winding core, which fastener can take any suitable form, such as the staple of dependent Claim 14.

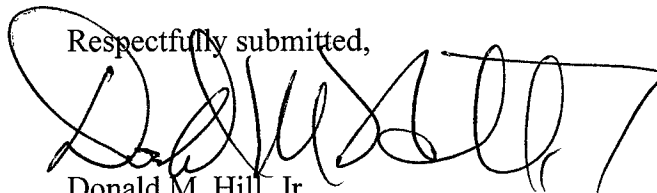
In view of the amendments to the claims and the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in original Claim 13 (now incorporated in Claim 4), it is submitted that all claims are patentable and the application is in condition for allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

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However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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